years of age carrying crude oil or fuel oil is expected to come into force on 1st July, 2003. SCI has 8 single hull crude oil tankers which are over 23 years of age, out of which 2 are on storage duty on ONGC and British Gas. The other 6 tankers are operating between Persian Gulf-India and on the Indian Coast. Hence, there is no impact of this decision on SCI's tanker fleet.

(c) Financial position of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. for past three years is as under:—

	2001-2002 (Rs. in lakhs)	2000-2001 (Rs. in lakhs)	1999-2000 (Rs. in lakhs)
Paid up Capital	28,230	28,230	28,230
Net Worth	2,09,559	2,18,748	1,88,550
Annual Turnover (i.e. Operating Earnings)	2,78,467	2,99,476	2,54,276
Net Profit After Tax	24,156	38,256	16,161

(d) Government has decided to permit foreign participation without any ceiling in the strategic sale of SCI. This is in line with the FDI policy in the shipping sector. Consequently fresh Expressions of interest for the strategic sale of 51 per cent equity in Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. will be invited.

Sexual harassment of women at their work places

3979. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of Police uncooperativeness in sexual harassment cases at work place;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to introduce new laws to ensure prompt action against the guilty and ensure justice to the women facing sexual harassment at their work place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL

JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) No specific information is available in regard to Police uncooperativeness in sexual harassment cases at work place.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Human Resources Development, the National Commissison for Women is in the process of drafting a Bill on sexual harassment of women at their work place in consultation with State Commissions for Women and Non Governmental Organisations.

Maulana Azad Education Foundation

3980. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation;

(b) the corpus fund of the Foundation created at initial stage and contributions made thereto subsequently upto 2001-2002, year-wise;

(c) whether any allocations have been made for the Foundation for the first year of the Tenth Plan i.e. 2002-2003; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for the Foundation under the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The aims and objectives of the Foundation is to formulate and implement educational schemes and plans for the benefit of the educationally backward minorities in particular and weaker sections in general. The Foundation provides financial assistance:—

(i) for establishment/construction/expansion of schools residential schools/hostels specially for girls belonging to educationally backward minorities.

(ii) for setting up/strengthening of vocational/technical training centres for educationally backward minorities.

(iii) for remedial coaching for the students belonging to educationally backward minorities.

(b) So far, a sum of Rs. 70.01 crores has been released in three